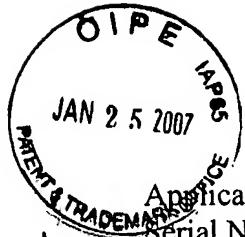


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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for any and all extensions of time necessary within which to file the accompanying Amendment and Reply in response to the Office Action mailed on July 25, 2006.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$1,020 to Deposit Account 19-4293 for the three-month extension fee. Should this fee be in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account 19-4293.

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